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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 6:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Great story!

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From: Perez, Linda J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LJPerez]

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 1:57 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Happy First Anniversary!

Hi Governor,

Just wanted to say Happy Anniversary -- today at noon marked 1 year!!

Linda P.

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 9:40 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Sarah Palin
Subject: Sen. Dyson letter

Talis,

Thank you for forwarding Senator Dyson's letter to me. Indeed, I had a hand in bringing "results based budgeting" or "performance based budgeting" or "missions and measures" to the forefront in the nineties. At the time, we didn't have an Executive who embraced the concept and agencies went running away from such measures (Governor Knowles even vetoed my first bill on the subject). As Finance Committee Co-Chair I, along with others, forced the issue and all the budget subcommittees quizzed the agency reps on what results were being achieved for the spending.

Now, just the opposite has occurred. We have a governor willing to embrace accountability for results but a legislature unwilling to use this tool. Kind of an interesting conundrum. As a legislator, I concluded that unless the Executive powered this forward and moved the agencies and legislature to buy-in, results based budgeting would only be a marginally useful tool. And, without both Executive and Legislative buy-in, the budget will always only be about the numbers rather than about results for Alaskans. If you would ever like to talk about this, I'm happy to do so.


Regards,

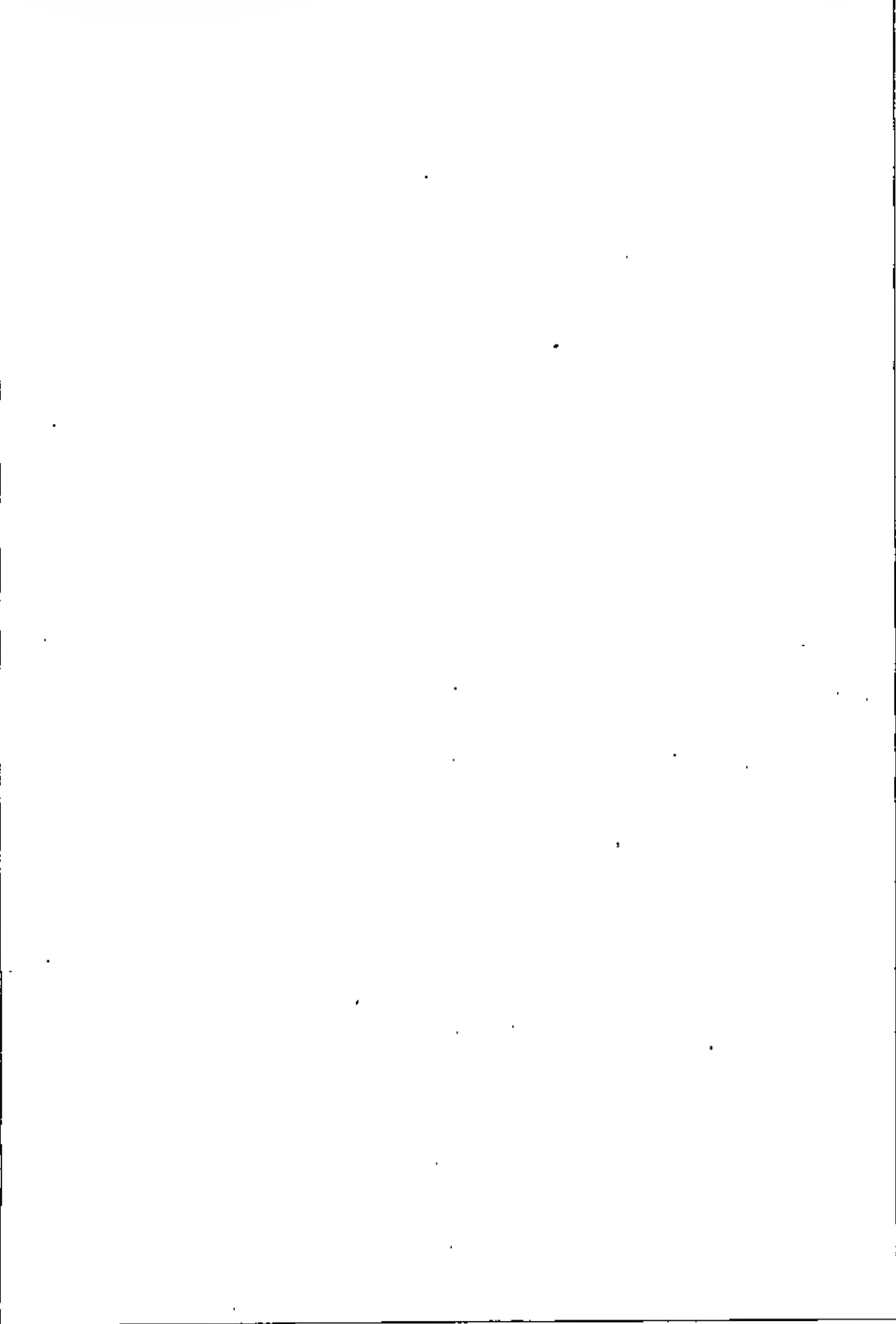
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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Sent: Mon 12/3/2007 3:52 PM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: The letter for your information

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 5:22 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: revised wed budget talking points

Attachments: Savings Plan Budget Rollout 12 05 07 with MT edits.doc



Savings Plan
Budget Rollout 12...

----- Original Message -----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: ExternalEmailgsp
Sent: Tue Dec 04 17:20:23 2007
Subject: FW: revised wed budget talking points

Governor:

This was returned, as undeliverable to my box from your yahoo account.

I just wanted to make sure that you'd received it.

Actually we got a name wrong - it should be TROY (not Tony)

Beth

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 3:40 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: revised wed budget talking points

Governor:

Here is a revised draft for your approval.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

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Governor's Remarks for Wednesday, Dec. 5 @ 11 a.m. Anchorage West High School

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Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 5:55 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp
Cc: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: 545 update
Governor;

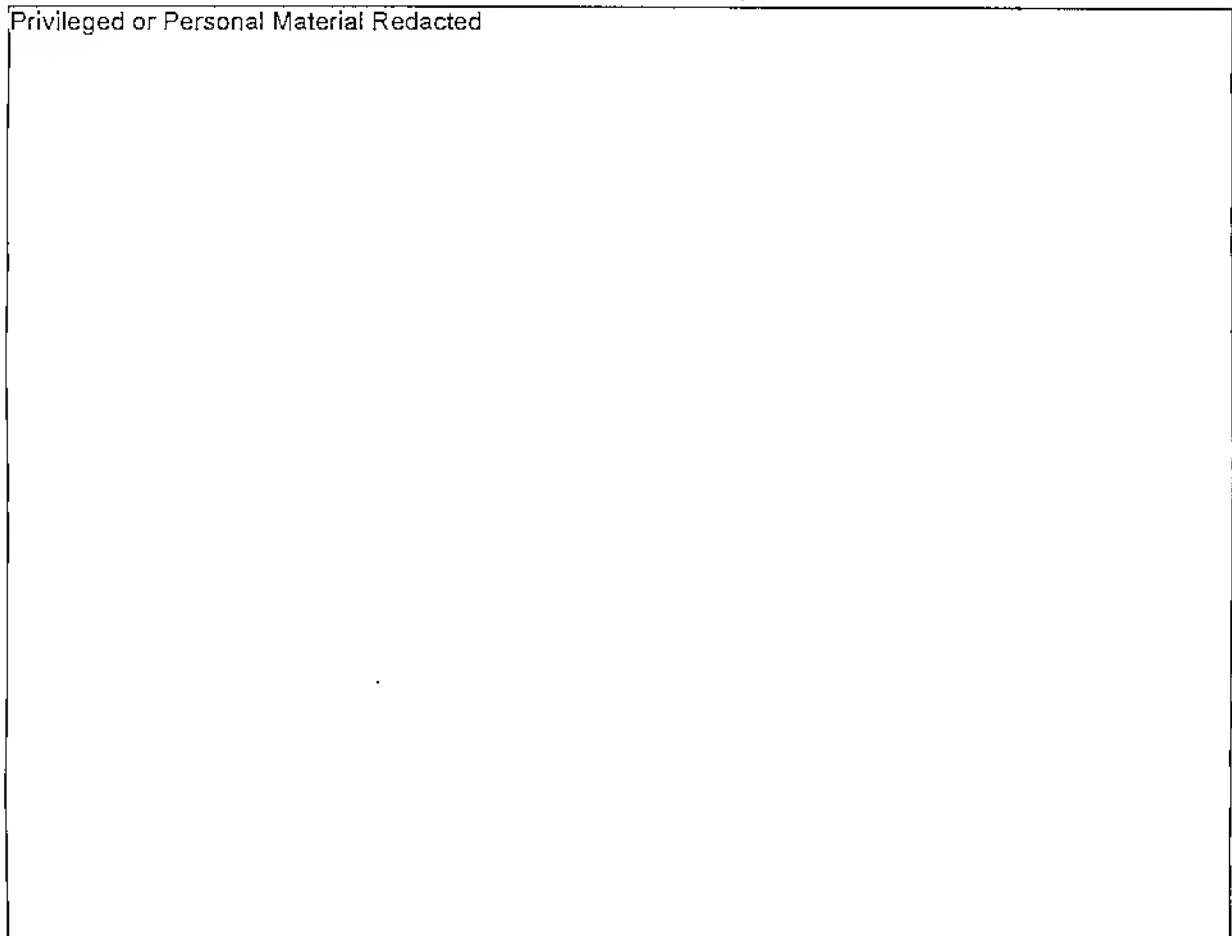
This version has ALL of the corrections! ☺.

Beth

5:45 p.m. DRAFT 12-04-07 (education will be highlighted at Friday, Dec. 7 @ 2 p.m. event with Alaska School Board.

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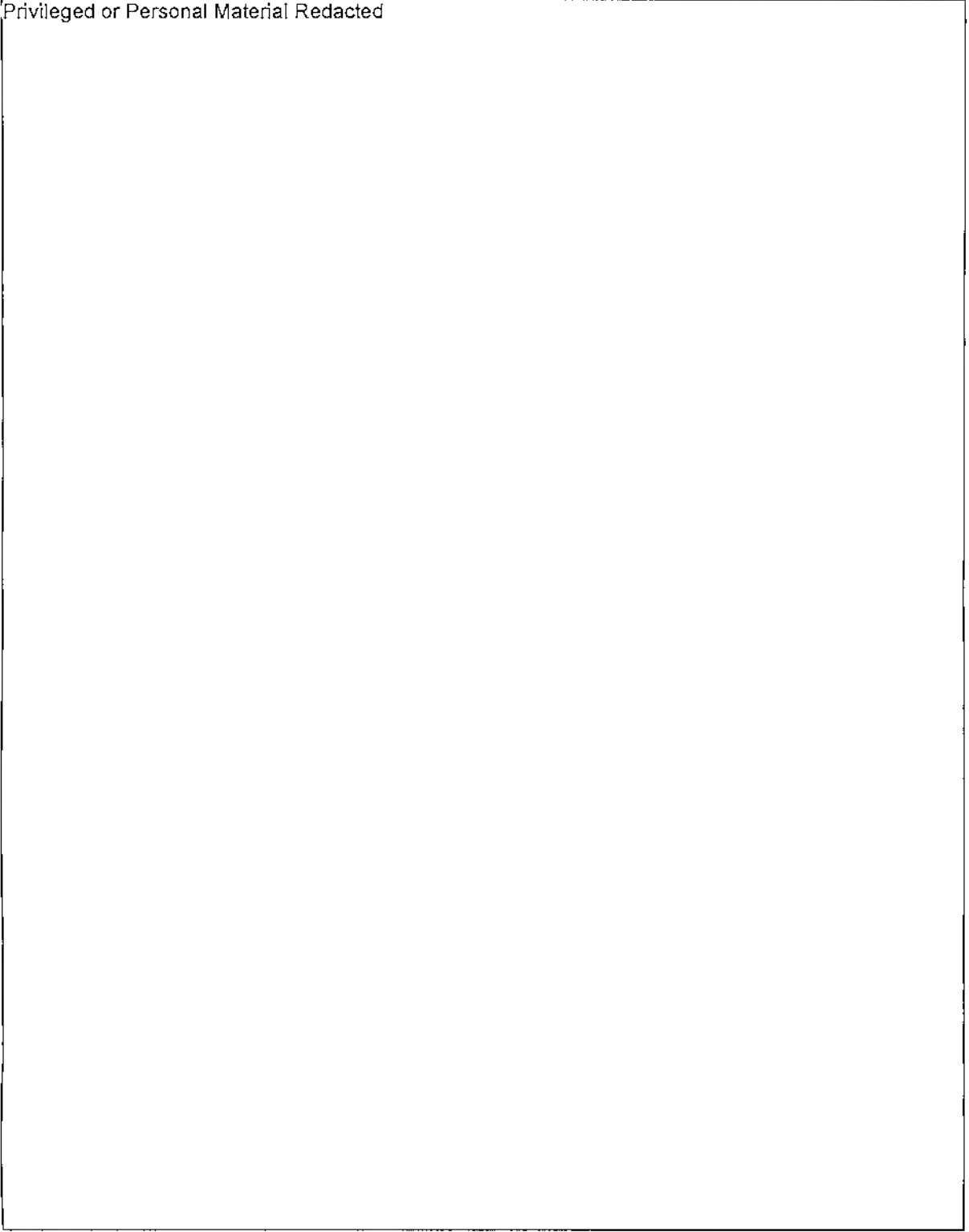
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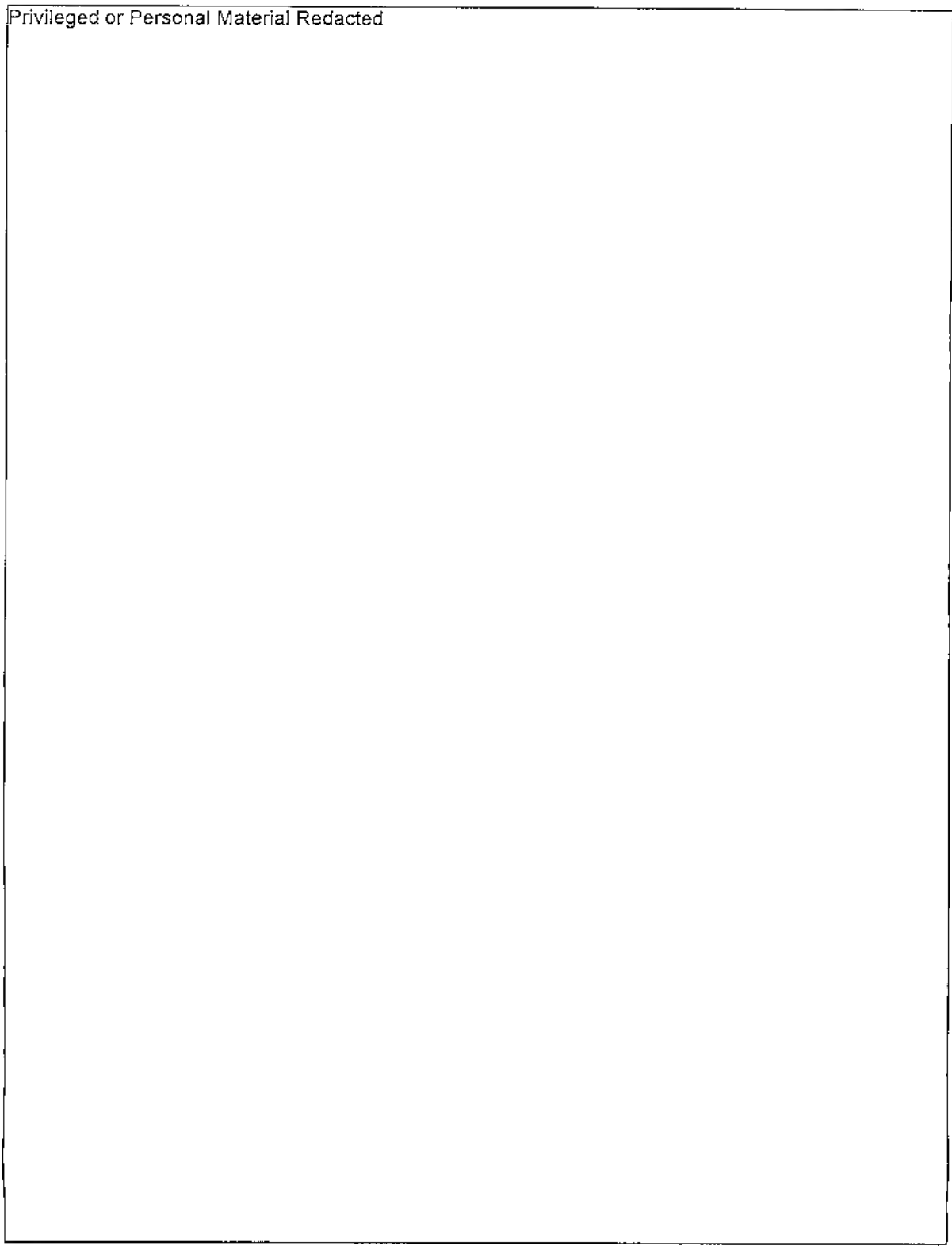
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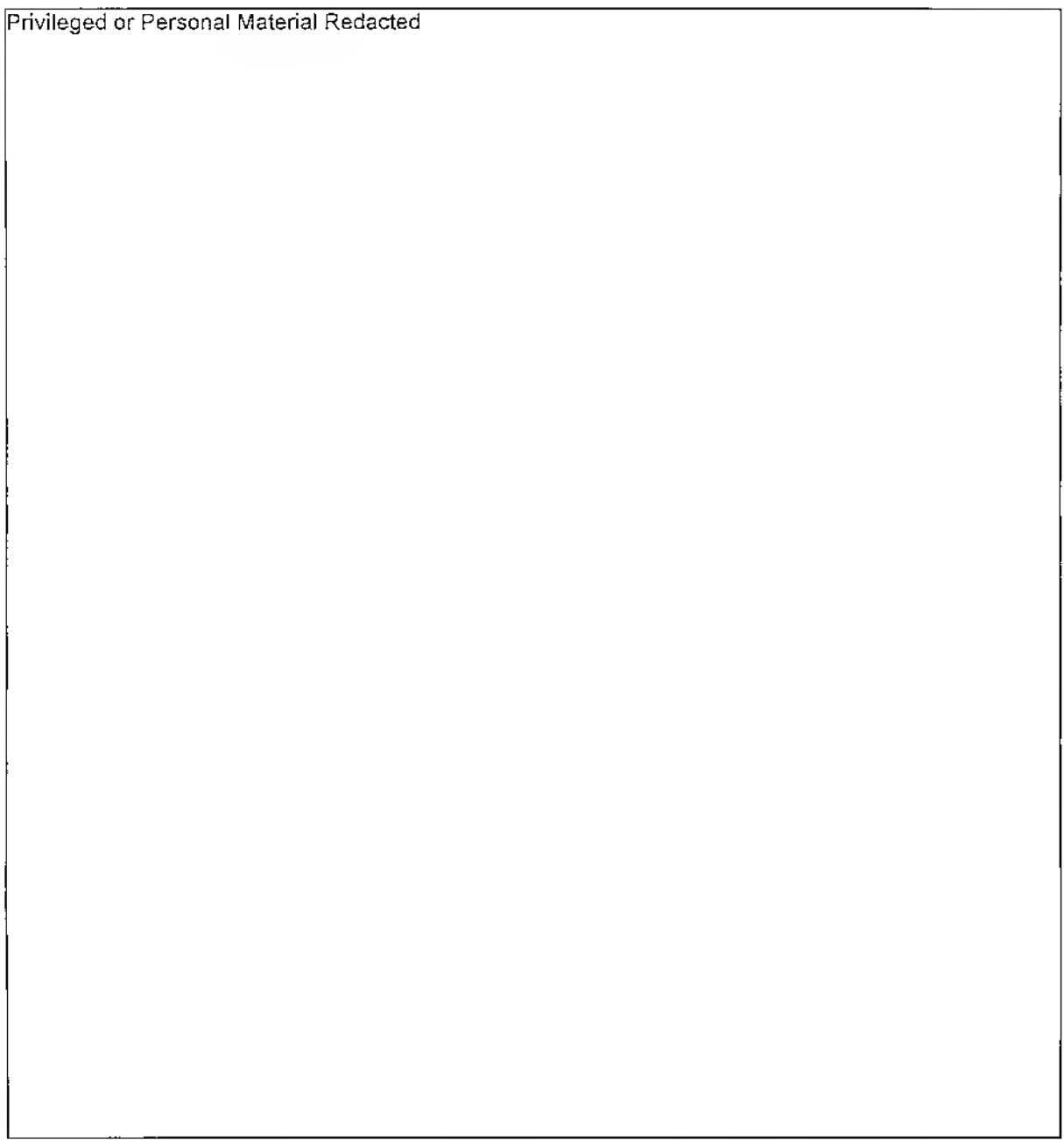
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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 6:56 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Great story!

You are just great and I loooved the jacket you were wearing!

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Tue Dec 04 18:31:11 2007
Subject: Re: Great story!

Oh you are awesome and encouraging. And congrats, also, on our first-most-awesome year in office together!

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Dec 4, 2007 6:30 PM
Subject: Great story!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 9:12 AM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Rowland, Mindy B (GOV); Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Budget Survey Results

Do the percentages of savings areas coincide with responses?

Can we tell where responses came from- did teacher's union lobby members to response for instance? (We need to be ready for questions like that, so pls ask yourselves what a reporter would want to ask tomorrow and let's get ready to answer).

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2007 08:59:29

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)" <mindy.rowland@alaska.gov>, "Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)" <lauren.yocom@alaska.gov>

Subject: Budget Survey Results

The final number of online survey respondents is 10,903.

We did have a few responses sent via email (they has online "issues") and we are checking to ensure that we have ALL entered and counted.

So this number could rise a bit.

The attached PDF is NOT Bberry friendly. The numbers for "first priority" responses are:

CBR 10.9 percent

Perm Fund 11.2 percent

Education Fund 25.9 percent

PERS/TRS 29.7 percent

Energy 13.3 percent

Transportation & Infrastructure 12.2 percent

So the survey results still dovetails with a savings plan that includes:

Education 2.6 billion

Transportation 1.0 billion

TRS/Retirement 450 million

CBR 379 million

Energy 250 million

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 9:02 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Confidential. Re: Draft Letter for KABATA's annual report

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2007 08:54:38

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Draft Letter for KABATA's annual report

Governor:

Former Mayor Wuerch has asked for a letter from you to include in their annual report. A draft is attached.

I am continuing to work with COS, DOT, and LAW on issues related to the Project. (Mainly, identifying any risk to the State from the Project).

Thanks,

Randy

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 9:03 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Pls fax all documents

Karen- why isn't perm fund deposit on the pie chart for savings?

-----Original Message-----

From: K Perry
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Karen Rehfeld
Cc: Janice Mason
Cc: Beth Leschper
Cc: Sharon Leighow
Cc: Mike Tibbles
Sent: Dec 4, 2007 9:02 AM
Subject: RE: Pls fax all documents

I've printed these documents for the Governor and am talking with Beth right now on the remarks.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 8:57 AM
To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Pls fax all documents

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 7:22 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Congratulations!

Governor, congratulations on a successful first year as ceo. Here's to many more!

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Jackson, Karleen K (HSS) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KKJACKSON]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:03 AM
To: Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Kim, Anna C (GOV)
Subject: RE: Monday's Health Summit/Health Council

Forgot to also mention that the attachment is the press release that will go out about noon today. It includes the draft goals and strategies listed below/

From: Jackson, Karleen K (HSS)
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 8:58 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Kim, Anna C (GOV)
Subject: Monday's Health Summit/Health Council

Governor,

We'll miss you at the keynote luncheon today for the Public Health Summit, but appreciate your stopping by to thank the Council for their work!

We'll be in Josephine's (take elevator to top floor of the Sheraton) and will start at 1:30 with remarks by James Whitfield (Health & Human Services Region X Director from Seattle/DC). I understand you may not get there until 1:40, so Dennis and I will try to keep remarks going until you arrive, since there will be round table discussions happening with Council Members, Summit attendee and the public from the end of your comments to the group until 3 p.m. Depending on time constraints, we may try to get a quick picture of you with the Council members.

I'll be watching for you between 1:30 and 1:40, and you can also call my cell 723-0777 anytime if you can't find us or your schedule changes. (And, you if by some miracle you are available between noon and 1:15, we would welcome having you give comments at the luncheon!)

FYI – Here are the Council's preliminary draft recommended goals and sample strategies (which will be discussed today, along with a potential goal around the issue of insurance). All of the goals and strategies support the Council's vision for Alaskans to be the healthiest people in the nation:

- Health costs for all Alaskans will consistently be well below the national average.
 - Publish a Web site with comparative information about health.
- Alaska will have a sustainable health care work force.
 - Assess the state's health care workforce and develop policies to alleviate the shortage of health care workers.
- All Alaskan communities will have appropriate and sustainable clean and safe water and wastewater systems.
- Quality health care will be accessible to 100 percent of Alaskans to meet their health care needs.
 - Decrease the use of emergency rooms for primary medical care, and improve primary care in rural areas through community health centers and public health nursing.
- Personal responsibility and prevention in health care become a top priority for government, private sector, communities, families, and individuals.
 - Develop incentives (such as cost saving for taking action on prevention) and disincentives (such as the Tobacco tax) to encourage Alaskans improve their health.

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- Develop and foster the statewide leadership necessary to support a comprehensive statewide health care policy.
 - Ask the Governor to take the lead in promoting good health and creating an Alaska Health Care Commission.

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Thanks, again, Governor! I appreciate your taking the time to do this!

Karleen

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 5:11 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: an addition

Totally agree. I'm ccing Kris to tell beth.

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2007 17:09:30

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: an addition

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Tue Dec 04 17:01:18 2007

Subject: an addition

Governor:

This paragraph got left out - it should go just before the closing I've also copied below
(With that I will have Karen ...):

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Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 4:49 PM
To: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Subject: Re: Deputys

You bet.

-----Original Message-----

From: Leo Von Scheben
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Dec 4, 2007 4:27 PM
Subject: RE: Deputys

Governor. Thanks for sending this off to Mike. LEO

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 2:04 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Subject: Deputys

Had a good mtg with Leo- he'll be there tomorrow for budget savings plan to answer any questions that may pertain to transportation's \$billion account. We agreed on his deputy commissioners- Richards (already there in Juneau) for roads, C Klein (from Ketchikan) for aviation.
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 10:56 AM
To: jvknpak@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 10:06 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Joseph Krizek
address: P. O. Box 55228 North Pole AK 99705
9074881244

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

My appologies for not getting this to survey on time. I think the state really needs to consider a new power plant for the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The 2 coal boilers were built in 1962 and installed in 1963. Basically they are 1950's technology retrofitted with newer controls. The fact still remains that they are 45 years old. Every year in May the Boilers are overhauled and it has been taking longer and longer each year because they are wearing out and parts are gettings scarce. The other 2 boilers run on fuel oil and boiler-4 is retrofitted with a combination gas/oil burner assembly. Coal is cheaper than gas but there is 10 times more equipment involved for burning coal and it is lahor intensive to maintain. I understand there is another power plant in the works and it will most likely be a coal fired plant. We do need to keep up with the utility demands of the ever expanding University but I think the Univesity should be looking into multi fuel options such as waste oil and

cooking oil (biodiesel). UAF does have a V18 10MW diesel engine generator that was originally intended to run on coal slurry. My comments here are very brief and incomplete but the point I want to make is that UAF should be leading the way with energy alternatives. A co-generation plant with multi-fuel options where student engineers can get real experience and training would be the way to leads us into the 21 century.

Thank you for your attention

Joe Krizek

jvknypak@acsalaska.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 10:46 AM
To: Anne Krigbaum; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mr. P.'s secret 50th birthday party at Wasilla High School

Hi Anne! I'd love to swing by on my way into town that morning.

Janice- would put on calendar for morning of Dec 21 suprise bday for Mr. P

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Krigbaum

Sender:

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Dec 4, 2007 9:59 AM

Subject: Mr. P.'s secret 50th birthday party at Wasilla High School

Hi Sarah,

The staff at WHS will be having a breakfast on Friday Dec 21, at 8:00 in the morning. We will also be celebrating Mr. P. 50th birthday. We would like to invite you if you are in Wasilla to stop by and have breakfast with all of us. We are going to send him down to Missouri to see his friend Mike Luthas, I believe he was a science teacher here when you went to school. Thanks for all you do for our state. Happy Holidays! Miss Anne

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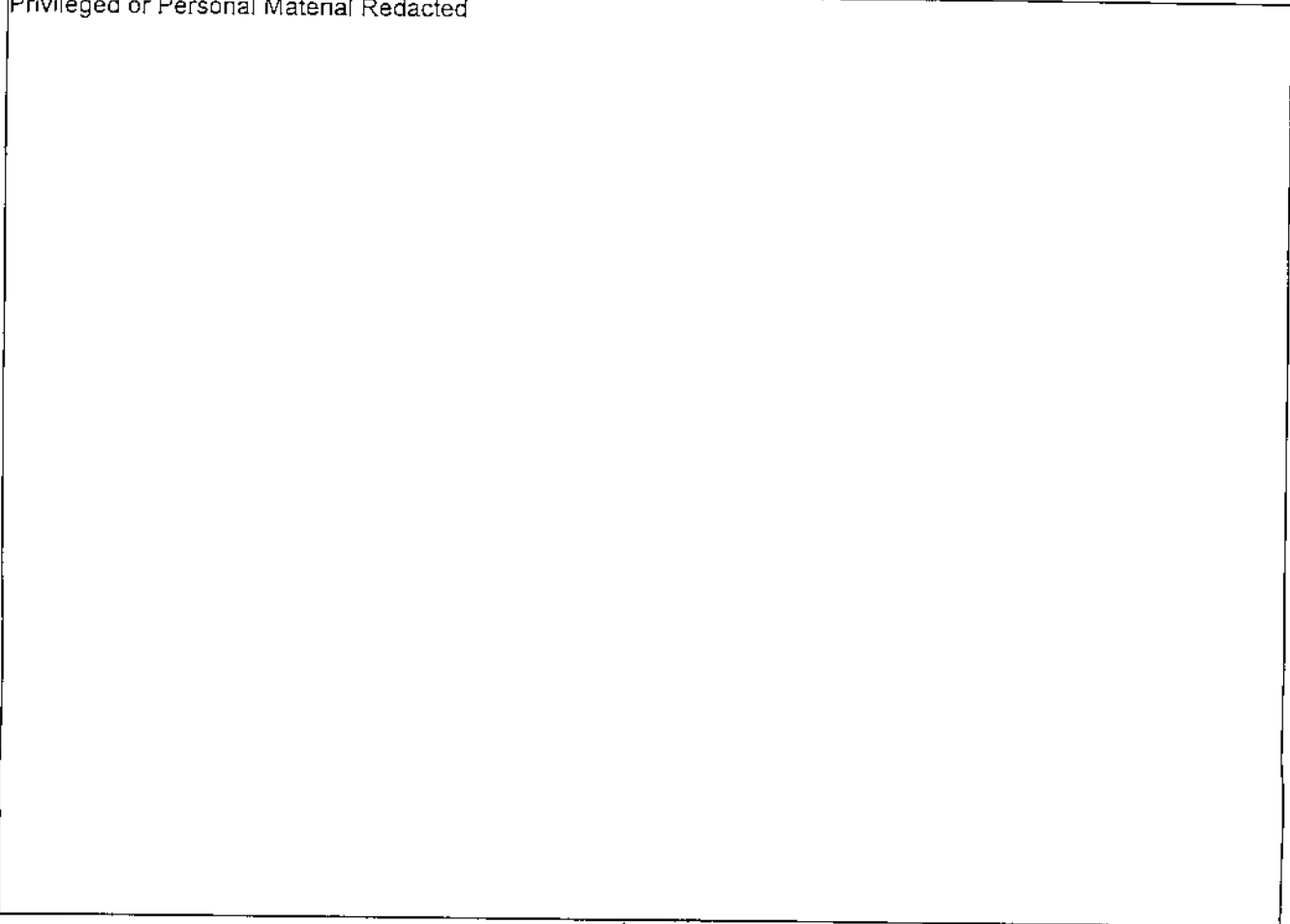
From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2007 9:17 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Remarks for Law Enforcement Leadership Council

Still haven't recvd it on my computer- only blkberry where I can't change copy.

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: ExternalEmailgsp
Cc: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Tue Dec 04 09:14:12 2007
Subject: Remarks for Law Enforcement Leadership Council

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Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:03 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 9:58 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Eduardo ordonez
address: 705 muldoon RD Anchorage AK 99504

MESSAGE:

November 29, 2007

The Honorable Don Young
Unites States House of Representatives
Peterson Tower Building
510 L St, Suite 580
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1954

Dear Rep. Don Young,

I am writing in the hopes that you would be able to assist me in my current situation. I am a Sergeant in the U. S. Army assigned to HHD 39th Transportation Battalion as the Company Supply Sergeant for two years. I am also a single mother with two lovely boys, whom I love dearly. My job is very demanding. I have a subordinate Soldier that work with me that do a great job. In my ten years of service I have never experienced this type of moral and motivation problem. Since I've been assigned to this unit, my life has been a

very challenging task daily to stay motivated and with high morale for my subordinates.

My boys are enrolled in the Child Development Center's before and after school care program. In this program my kids are dropped off at 0630 and must be picked up by 1800. In the Kaiserslautern Military Community, this program is operated by the Air Force and opens at 0630 at which time I am required to be at my first formation. I must pick them up by 1800 at which time the child care center closes. My previous Chain of Command allowed me to report to work 0730 to accommodate for the daycare opening at 0630. In October a new Chain of Command came aboard and required that I report to first formation 0630 for accountability. After I reported to formation with my kids, my commander told me that I will not bring my kids to formation anymore. After I questioned him about a Senior NCO does the same thing, he replied "You do not have enough rank to do what she does." I have to stay to work often after 1800 and pay late fees because I do not pick up my kids in time. For every minute I am late

there is a \$1.00 late fee. From July to this date I have paid \$655 in late fees, attach is a copy of the receipts.

I feel that my Detachment SGT has a personnel vendetta against me. The Detachment Sergeant often discusses my personnel issues amongst subordinate Soldier. This is unprofessional and unbecoming of a Senior NCO to whom subordinates suppose to look up to and draw their motivation and morale from. I recently was taped for my weight and was found overweight by 1 %. I have never been counseled on my results. My LSG have initiated chapter proceedings for me to be chaptered out of the Army by making an appointment on December 12 for a physical.

In September I requested an open door policy to see my Battalion Commander Sergeant Major. I spoke to him about my situation and he told me, "I got it." As of 29 November I have not heard anything of this situation. I spoke to my Battalion Chaplain, Battalion Equal Opportunity Representative (EOR) and the Inspector General. I still have no resolve. My EOR told me that I have a valid complaint because people in my Chain of Command have singled me out. I feel that I have exhausted my chain of command and have not received an assistant nor resolution for this situation.

This whole situation has exhausted me. I feel that the entire unit morale is low. Soldiers returned from deployment in September and many of them are so unhappy with their work environment. In fear of repercussion for writing you, Honorable Young, I am requesting to be transferred to another command. I am suggesting the office of the Inspector General conduct a climate sensing session with especially the lower enlisted and junior NCOs. I have enclosed character letter on my behalf. My all commander and also my BN commander wants me to stay in the Army and go to the Warrant Officer School, attach is a copy of my letters of recommendation to show you what are my standards as a NCO.

Sincerely,

LISANIA ORDONEZ

15TH Trans Det

Unit 23125

APO, AE 09227

eduardo61@aol.com

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From: Balley, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 4:21 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: 2 sides to every story

I was thinking this weekend about DOT and remembered that Christine had 130-something letters of support for her to take a spot in DOT back during the Transition. Unfortunately the State didn't save those recommendation letters to reference now.

All to say...everyone has their detractors and no one's perfect...but she certainly has her supporters as well.

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:58 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Privileged or Pe

From: McKinnon and Associates, LLC [mailto:mgmckinnon@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:57 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Privileged or Pe

No need to write back, I know you are busy. Just doing a double send of information regarding Privile that I sent by phone Friday evening. He is a PE and he has considerable road experience, including the design-build of the Red Dog mine road.

Equally important, he knows the Dalton and Parks Highway repair needs like the back of his hand. These routes are still the key routes for commerce and need our attention.

Thanks for working so hard for all of us!

Mike

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Colberg, Talls J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 3:25 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: FW: Lette from Sen. Dyson

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From: Korting, Nancy A (LAW)

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 3:12 PM

To: Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Colberg, Talls J (LAW)

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SENATOR FRED DYSON

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Talis Colberg
Attorney General
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811-0300

Attorney General Colberg:

I need some help. Alaska statutes (AS.37.07.014) requires the legislature to:

- (1) Review and revise the Mission and Measures for each department annually
- (2) Requires each department to measure the department's performance and accountability against present and agreed standards. This concept was put into place by then Senator Parnell a dozen years ago. In recent years the legislature has ignored its statutory responsibility.

I would like to go into court to force both legislative bodies and their finance co-chairs to follow the law. Will the Department of Law assist me to prepare a case and represent me and the people of Alaska in a suit in court?

On a separate issue, the people of Eagle River have clearly given the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities specific directions and limitations on two road upgrade projects in Eagle River, namely the "Eagle River Loop Road" and portions of the "Old Glen upgrade". For the last two years I have put in the Capital Budget strong intent language that reflects the desires of the community and the entire Eagle River legislative delegation.

DOT/PF has consistently said they will ignore this budget intent language of the legislature. I want you to go into court on behalf of the legislature to force DOT/PF to perform as directed. This is clearly a separation of powers issue and as our chief defender of our state's constitution I believe you should take it on. If you cannot, it will seem to indicate that you are the administration's in-house attorney and not the people's legal guardian and advocate. Please understand that I am very sympathetic to you and this governor, and understand the position my request puts you in. I do not want to be at odds with this governor or her administration, but I cannot be true to my oath of office and allow this blatant disregard of our form of constitutional governance.

The easiest way forward would be for the leadership of DOT/PF to realize that they are not an isolated kingdom of their own, and realize that we still have government that is "by the people".

Attorney General Colberg
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Even if DOT/PF did decide to live under our state's constitution and its legislature, it would not resolve the issue of the value and efficacy of legislative intent language. In some ways I would like to have it established with a court decision. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

If you cannot bring this case yourself, I would appreciate you providing someone from the Department of Law or a contact person to assist me in bringing this (these) court cases forward.

Thank you for your help and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,



Fred Dyson
Senate District I

cc: Senate Finance Co-Chairs
House Finance Co-Chairs
Sarah Palin, Governor, State of Alaska
Leon von Scheben, Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Senator Lyda Green, Senate President
Representative John Harris, Speaker of the House

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From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR) [marty.rutherford@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 7:54 AM
To: Sam Bell
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Open Letter Regarding Sinopec Bid

Dear Mr. Bell,

Thank you for your comments. Within the next few weeks the state will complete its review of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) applications to determine if they are responsive to the law and the associated Request for Proposals (RFA.) Once that review is complete we will place all applications on the web and make them available for public review. All applications that are deemed responsive to the law and RFA will also be available for public comment. While we appreciate receiving your input today, I want to ensure that you know that the best time to make comment will be once the applications are available for public comment, if they are complete.

In the meantime we appreciate your having taken the time to write.
Marty

From: Sam Bell [mailto:bell@genocideintervention.net]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 4:50 AM
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Open Letter Regarding Sinopec Bid

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

My name is Sam Bell, advocacy director for the Genocide Intervention Network. Please find the attached open letter sent today from our executive director, Mark Hanis, to Governor Palin.

We are concerned about the bid from Sinopec and the company's connection to the Darfur conflict in Sudan, which has been labeled genocide by the President and Congress. Sinopec is the largest oil field services provider in Sudan and the Sudanese government relies on foreign investment, particular in the oil sector, to fund its military and the conflict in Darfur.

Our organization orchestrates the Sudan divestment campaign which now encompasses 22 states, 58 universities, and 10 cities (we are working with Alaskan legislators to introduce Sudan divestment legislation in the state next year). Additionally, the US Senate Banking Committee and the House of Representatives have passed the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act which would prohibit certain companies operating in Sudan, including Sinopec, from receiving federal government contracts.

Sincerely,
Sam Bell

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 3:38 PM
To: 'govpalin@alaska.gov'
Subject: FYI - Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 1:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Steve Flowers
address: 4800 E. 102nd Avenue Anchorage AK 99507
907-346-3166

MESSAGE:

Hi
I just wanted to thank you for the Christmas card.
Keep up the good work and have a happy holiday.
Steve

steve@stevesgarage.net
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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 12:03 PM
To: gov,sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Update on Arrest in Anchorage of person responsible for killing spree

Governor,

Anchorage Police caught and arrested the person from the Mat-Su who went on a killing spree. I believe he killed his father and seriously injured his mother with a machete in the Mat-Su and then went into Anchorage where he shot and killed 2 more people and wounded one other person. (A lady jogging on a trail).

DPS is participating in a news conference this afternoon.

Randy

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCLESCHPER]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 1:52 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Remarks for Law Enforcement Leadership Council

Governor:

Here is the final draft of your remarks for Tuesday's (tomorrow) Law Enforcement Leadership Council 10 a.m. event.
Commissioner Monegan was kind enough to look these over.

Please let me know if you'd like me to make any changes.

Beth

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 4
Time: 10-10:10 a.m.
Event: Alaska Police Standards Council's Law Enforcement Executive Development Conference
Location: Dimond Hotel (Conference Room – First Floor)
Contact: Terry Vrabec (cell 321-0088)
Attendees: Local, state, federal and possibly a few military commanders. Many are police chiefs, deputy chiefs and ranking officers. May be representatives from the FBI, DEA, US Marshall as well as the local and state agencies. Usually about 35-50 attending.

Good morning! This must be the safest room in Alaska!

I'm so pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate all of you on the fine job you're doing helping keep our fellow Alaskans safe and secure.

A key component of my administration's public health and safety priority is enhanced law enforcement.

We have re-constituted the Alaska Wildlife Troopers to ensure protection for Alaska's wildlife resources. This has added some teeth to wildlife enforcement. The separation of "brown shirts" and "blue shirts" ultimately helps public safety missions overall.

My administration has secured federal funding for the VPSO program, as well as expanding our law enforcement recruitment and training. We are actively working to expand the number of VPSO contractors and VPSOs across the state, to include VPSOs on the road system.

We are working to standardize the caliber and training of those who are asked to protect us. By putting more "boots on the ground" as well as improving our training requirements and standards, we are doing a better job protecting our citizens in Alaska.

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We have new teeth in the Alaska Police Standards Council regulations that require agencies to report police, correctional or probation officer misconduct. These regulations ensure our communities that Alaska Police Standards is monitoring any misconduct and will take necessary action as appropriate.

We must remember that Alaskans expect – and deserve – high ethics and integrity for all public servants and especially our public safety officers.

We must all work even harder with all of our communities as partners to ensure that every citizen feels safe, and is treated fairly and with respect.

Heroes are those who extend themselves to help others – and do so because they believe in something larger than themselves. Certainly you, and those who work with you, qualify.

On behalf of all Alaskans, thank you for the critical work you do – every minute of every day!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:14 AM
To: tony.sherman@us.ul.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2007 1:40 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Anthony Sherman
address: 7997 North Grouse Ln Wasilla AK 99654
907-360-3336

MESSAGE:

While picking up a parcel at the Wasilla USPS postal annex, Friday November 30, I could not help but notice the condition of the US flag flying from the staff. The top three stripes were torn individually to the blue field, and the flag had been knotted at the top outside corner to compensate. I am a veteran and have educated my wife and children about this traitorous disrespect of our flag, and would enjoy the opportunity to educate those responsible for this display. On a federal building. Disgraceful. Were it actually a crime (and it should be) I would take other action, and since I am unable to complain to the state postmaster, am left with this means of address. I thank you for your time and attention.

tony.sherman@us.ul.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:11 AM
To: horsefeathers1_99503@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 7:35 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Bradley Russell
address: 3705 Arctic Blvd # 357 Anchorage AK Ak

MESSAGE:

Budget cuts, I have a real problem with the way Budgets cuts come into play. If you draw a triangle on a piece of paper in front of you I will be able to explain. When cuts come the first thing that happens is the people on the top cut all the people below them. These people 'the techs'. are doing all the work so you end up with the bottom of the triangle gone. There should be a process where the side of the triangle is cut instead of the bottom of the triangle. The way the system is set up with moneies being appropriated from the top you are always going to have this problem. Some one is not going to cut there own job! They are going to cut the people below them. What happens is you have a government that is top heavy with a bunch of people at the top with nothing to do. There should be a way to cut everyone along the side of the triangle. Maybe start with a budget cut of 10% start with the person on the top even if it means that person has got to take time off. As a seasonal techinc

ian no one ever says anything when they have to lay me off but I do not see any one at the top having time reduced.

horsefeathers1_99503@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:02 AM
To: eduardo61@aol.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 9:57 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Eduardo Ordonez
address: 705 muldoon RD Anchorage AK 99504

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My name is Eduardo Ordonez and I have some issues that you probably can assist me with, my wife SGT Ordonez, Lisania is in the United States Army. She is stationed in Germany and I am in Alaska at the present time. We were leaving there for 4 years almost until I desired to leave Germany. At the present time since we are geographically separated the Army according to their regulation consider her to be a single mom. She has my most precious treasure my two sons Lorimer 8 years old and Josiah 5 years old.

The main reason why we are not together at this moment is because I never understood how some one can give so much to their country, to their nation and be maltreated so much.

I got tired of so many late night, most of the time probably 98% of time not justify only because someone in her chain of command does not like her and did not care about her family. She has exhausted all the channels trying to fix the issue but until today almost two years later, I do not see any result. To make everything worse she submit her vacation request on Oct 31 for the frame time of Dec 20 - Jan 18 And her 1SG denied her leave even when she has 62.5 days of leave accumulate. We suppose to meet in New Jersey because her mom wants to see her and I want to see them too. Her Mom has not seen her in 4 almost 5 years because of her job and her mission.

I push her to send a letter to the congress representative and she sanded it today along with other attachments but she told me that is going to take 5-10 business days for the

receiving of the latter. Attach is a copy of the letter she had send. Any help will be truly appreciated it by me and the rest of her family.

eduardo61@aol.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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To: Katz; John W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Bishop; Samuel T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Manchin/Palin Letter to Congress

Thanks, DC office!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2007 10:40:00

To: "Janice Mason" <janice_mason@gov.state.ak.us>, "Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Manchin/Palin Letter to Congress

Attached for your files is the final version of the Governors Manchin/Palin letter to Congress concerning funding for PILT and Secure Rural Schools.

Sharon, this letter might make for a good press release on a slow news day. In particular, communities in Southeast are quite dependent on funding under the Secure Rural Schools program and have expressed their support in the past. In addition, PILT helps compensate communities located on federal lands administered by the BLM for the inability of such communities to impose taxes.

If you need further information, please let Sam or me know.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 12/3/2007 at 9:55 AM, in message <LYRIS-697-121090-2007.12.03-09.56.43--jwkatz@alaskadc.org@talk.nga.org>, "Moore, Tess" <TMoore@NGA.ORG> wrote:

Attached is a letter from Governor Manchin and Governor Palin to leadership on the Public Land Communities Transition Assistance Act of 2007.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Strobridge at bstrobridge@nga.org
<<mailto:bstrobridge@nga.org>>

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 8:43 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Lette from Sen. Dyson

Dear governor palin. Two issues. First he wants my dept to help him force his colleagues to force dept annual measures to be done. Second he wants law to force dept of transport to follow legislative comments on priorities as the will of the people. His letter also involves two broader concepts that he probably would not agree with. First he wants law to sue his colleagues on the first issue and then he wants law to enforce the will of his colleagues when they agree with him on the second issue. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Mon Dec 03 20:27:17 2007
Subject: Re: Lette from Sen. Dyson

Kris pls print for tomorrow- I can't read this memo. Talis- what are his issues?

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2007 15:24:43
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>
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Cc: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Lefebvre; Richard A (DNR); Persily; Larry A (GOV); Taylor; Kenton P (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Federal Government's Arctic Policy Review

This sounds great John. Thanks. Let me know if there needs to be an opportunity seized for me to chime in telephonically on any of the issues. Thanks

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2007 14:44:48

To: "Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Larry Hartig" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>, "Dick Lefebvre" <richard.lefebvre@alaska.gov>, "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Kenton Taylor" <kenton_taylor@fishgame.state.ak.us>, "Joseph Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Federal Government's Arctic Policy Review

In the aftermath of my previous email to you concerning the federal government's review of Arctic policy, I have discussed this matter with my colleagues on the Resource Sub-Cabinet and have confirmed the following with the US State Department.

On December 21st, representatives of the State will participate in a meeting/teleconference with federal officials to discuss four specific issues: energy, environmental protection, sustainable development, and marine shipping. The State will develop an outline or white paper which will briefly discuss five or six talking points for each issue.

Larry Persily and I will coordinate the State's efforts from here, and one or both of us will be physically present at the meeting. Larry Hartig, Dick Lefebvre, and possibly Kenton Taylor will attend by teleconference.

Representatives of the North Slope Borough and, possibly, the Alaska Congressional delegation will be on the same panel as the State. According to Julie Kitka and Fran Ulmer, the Native community and the University will serve on other panels, as will industry and environmental representatives.

We will circulate draft State talking points for review. Please let me know if you have further guidance.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]
 Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 10:15 AM
 To: 'Gerry Merrigan'; Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
 Cc: Crome; Cora J (GOV); 'Denis Wiesenburg'; Pitney; Pat (SOA sponsored)
 Subject: RE: UAF School of Fisheries Budget: Expansion of Undergraduate Fisheries Program

Dear Gerry - Thank you for your email to Governor Palin in support of the University of Alaska's FY2009 operating budget increase of \$1 million for the fisheries program. The University's efforts to attract Alaska's high school graduates and provide postsecondary education necessary to meet the growing demands for jobs in Alaska are very impressive. We also recognize the challenges facing the University in delivering these services given the rising costs of doing business. The University's budget recently adopted by the Board of Regents is a key part of our budget development.

As you know, we are developing the FY2009 operating and capital budgets that will be release to the public in December. The governor's budget goals are very clear: to slow the growth of government, live within our means, and save for the future. Within this budget discipline, our priorities must be to promote a strong economy, world-class education, safer communities, and solid infrastructure. The budget will prioritize spending, make substantial investments in core services, and save for our future.

The budget will focus on the state's basic responsibilities, schools, public safety, and needed transportation improvements that are essential to getting Alaska's infrastructure ready for the state's economic future. We look forward to working with municipal leaders, legislators, and the public to develop a responsible and sustainable budget for the State of Alaska. Thank you for taking the time to share you support for the University's budget.

Karen

Karen J. Rehfeld, Director
 Office of Management & Budget
 465-3568

karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov

From: Gerry Merrigan [mailto:merrigan@gci.net]
 Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 2:17 PM
 To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
 Cc: Crome, Cora J (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); 'Denis Wiesenburg'
 Subject: UAF School of Fisheries Budget: Expansion of Undergraduate Fisheries Program

Dear Governor

I would like to urge you to consider and support the new Bachelor of Arts program in Fisheries that UAF is proposing. There already exists a program for training fisheries biologists with a strong emphasis toward science and statistics. As you are aware, Alaska has been a leader in successful fisheries management in the State and Federal fisheries, with a large amount of credit going to abundant resources, favorable ocean climatic conditions, and adherence to "good" science in the fishery policy and management arenas. The program proposed by UAF is

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to provide a curriculum for those that will be involved in fisheries in the broader sense (beyond biological management). In particular, this curriculum would be for participants in the fisheries (harvesters); the fishing industry (processors, marketers etc) or as a policy maker involved in the fisheries.

The world of fishing has become increasingly complex and the level of understanding necessary to be able to intelligently participate in the fisheries and the fishery management processes has risen considerably. In order to be successful in this age, fishermen have to be much better business managers and understand the potential return on long term investments in gear, vessels, and permits. Into that equation, fishermen need to be able to read fishery stock assessments for trends, age class strengths, recruitment curves – much as one would read a stock prospectus. Additionally, it now requires an increasing depth of knowledge to effectively participate at fisheries management bodies such as the Board of Fisheries, NPFMC, IPHC. While there will always be a need for people to speak plain and simple from their hearts and be heard at these forums, there is also a need for a level of understanding by some participants and decision makers to bring these concepts to fruition.

Additionally, fisheries world-wide and in Alaska have come under attack by those that employ questionable science – with dubious extrapolated conclusions – but have foundation financial support and a fast-track into the popular press. Unfortunately, the corrections and retractions do not receive the same publicity. Participants in fisheries-related fields need to be able to discern between “good” science and “headline” science and not be swayed by sensationalism.

However, many of us that are involved in fisheries have varied backgrounds. As a case in point, I currently sit on the NPFMC. While I have fished commercially since 1981, and have worked as a Fishery Biologist 1 (Land Use), have a college degree – I have never had a class in fisheries management – I have degree in forestry. Most of what I learned about fisheries, models, and management systems was at the elbow of some very patient people during the course of Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations, Board of Fishery and Council meetings. A program like the one proposed would have been helpful for myself along the way – especially today as I try to explain current fishery management issues to local fishermen. While there are many good knowledgeable people active in fisheries and fisheries policy today, I think we all could have benefited greatly from a program that is being proposed. On the flip side, there are also many people who have strong opinions on fisheries management – but very little acquaintance with factual information. The proposed program would have positive benefits here as well.

While the results of such a program may be years off, I believe the time to start is now as things are likely to become more complex in the world of fishing. Thank you for your consideration.

Gerry Merrigan

NPFMC member, NPRB member
Petersburg, AK

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